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FURTHER TO REFTEL (A) EMBASSY AGAIN CONTACTED KEGEYAN'S COUSINS ARDASH (ARTASKES) AND OGANES KURGOLANYAN IN AN EFFORT TO PINPOINT AND CLARIFY HIS ACTIVITIES WHILE IN GREECE. THE SAME SOURCES WERE UNABLE TO GIVE SPECIFIC ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL (B) AS TO A) WHAT COMMUNIST OR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS HE MAY HAVE JOINED AND WHEN; AND B) WHAT PARTICIPATION HE MAY HAVE HAD IN THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND DURING WHAT PERIOD. THEY STATED THAT DURING THE TURBULENT WAR PERIOD 1940-1946 THE MAJORITY OF THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IN ATHENS WAS ATTEMPTING TO BECOME INVOLVED BY PARTICIPATING IN ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED TO THE NAZIS. KEGEYAN JOINED IN THAT EFFORT BY BELONGING TO THE PREVAILING ORGANIZATION IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT WHICH SPECIFIC ORGANIZATION (EAM, ELAS, OR EPON), THE BROTHERS KURGOLANYAN COULD NOT RECALL. THE SOURCES ADVISED THAT DUE TO THE LAPSE OF TIME THEY KNEW OF NO ONE ELSE IN ATHENS WHO COULD ANSWER SUCH QUESTIONS INTELLIGENTLY AND CORRECTLY.

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